

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2128–2135, S. Res. 277, and S. Con. Res. 21. **Pages S7123–24**

Measures Passed:

National Principals Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 277, recognizing the month of October 2015 as “National Principals Month”. **Page S7127**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 p.m., on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, Senate resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, with the time until 1 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S7127**

Appointments:

Social Security Advisory Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and in consultation with the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 103–296, reappointed the following individual as a member of the Social Security Advisory Board: Mr. Jagadeesh Gokhale of Pennsylvania. **Page S7127**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Algeria on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. No. 114–3).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed. **Page S7127**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 69 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 274), Dale A. Drozd, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steven Michael Haro, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy).

Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador.

Matthew John Matthews, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

A routine list in the Army.

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Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Beverly Angela Scott, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2019, which was sent to the Senate on July 30, 2015. **Page S7128**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Measures Read the First Time:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Notices of Intent:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—274) **Page S7117**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 4 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the re-

marks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7127.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 2 public bills, H.R.10 and H.R. 3683 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Messer to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Open World Leadership Center—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: Representative Price (NC).

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Quorum Calls Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1014)

H.R. 23, to reauthorize the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–52)

H.R. 719, to require the Transportation Security Administration to conform to existing Federal law and regulations regarding criminal investigator positions. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–53)

H.R. 2051, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to extend the livestock mandatory price

reporting requirements. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–54)

H.R. 3614, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–55)

S. 230, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation located in Bethel, Alaska. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–56)

S. 501, to make technical corrections to the Navajo water rights settlement in the State of New Mexico. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–57)

S. 2082, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on September 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–58)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC–217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the potential modernization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and related energy security issues, 10:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Yemen and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the National Labor Relations Board's joint employer decision, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts, to hold hearings to examine how overregulation harms minorities, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending health and benefits legislation; to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nomination of Michael Herman Michaud, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:15 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3192, the "Homebuyers Assistance Act"; and markup on a resolution establishing a Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, business meeting on Member access requests, 5 p.m., HVC-304. This meeting will be closed.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 6 through October 9, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 12 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1735, National Defense Authorization Act. At 1 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: October 7, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the National Institutes of Health, focusing on investing in a healthier future, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: October 6, to hold hearings to examine the situation in Afghanistan; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217, following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

October 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iranian influence in Iraq and the case of Camp Liberty, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Russian strategy and military operations, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 7, to hold hearings to examine removing barriers to wireless broadband deployment, 10 a.m., SR-253.

October 8, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security, to hold

hearings to examine consumer product safety and the recall process, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 6, to hold hearings to examine the potential modernization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and related energy security issues, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 8, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine H.R. 2898, to provide drought relief in the State of California, S. 1894, to provide short-term water supplies to drought-stricken California, S. 1936, to provide for drought preparedness measures in the State of New Mexico, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, and S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

October 8, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 414, to provide for conservation, enhanced recreation opportunities, and development of renewable energy in the California Desert Conservation Area, S. 872, to provide for the recognition of certain Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 1295 and H.R. 1324, bills to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, S. 1448, to designate the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary in the State of Oregon, S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, S. 1955, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for equitable allotment of land to Alaska Native veterans, S. 1971, to expand the boundary of the California Coastal National Monument, and S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: October 7, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 6, to hold hearings to examine the United States role and strategy in the Middle East, focusing on Yemen and the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 7, Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the North Korea threat and United States policy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

October 8, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1933, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more